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TOPIC Flying Activity Observed North of TULA, Tula Oblast, Moscow MD

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. A troop training grounds, where, for the most part, tank and artillery troops underwent training, was located about 13 miles north of TULA (37°37' E/54°12' N) *. The following flying activity was observed there:

a. Very intensive flying with fighters which practiced firing at sleeve targets and with twin-engine ground attack aircraft similar to the He-111, with a strikingly large cupola over the rear gunner's station.

b. Group parachute jumps of about 60 men.

c. Towing of cargo gliders which landed in the vicinity of TULA.

25X1A 2. Comment:

25X1C * a. confirmed the existence of a troop training grounds and an artillery range also used by tank troops about 13 miles north of TULA, east of the road to MOSCOW.

b. The above troop training grounds seems to be also utilized as a firing range and particularly as a training field for the paratroops stationed near TULA. The mentioned cargo gliders are possibly assigned to the parachute units or parachute school stationed nearby. The towing of cargo gliders is considered credible; their type cannot be determined since no description of the towing aircraft or cargo gliders was given.

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